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Dear Church and Praying Friends,

Psalm 71:5 *For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.*

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As was mentioned in the last prayer letter, I have been dealing with a lot of health issues since September. The continuous low grade fever still persists through the writing of this, while other issues continue with my throat and voice. These have hindered what I am able to do as far as teaching and preaching. The more I use my voice in singing, teaching or preaching, the more my throat seems to swell and my voice starts to fade. Being in Canada has presented a little challenge as far as doctors go. Generally, when you have a family doctor, you are stuck with them no matter what because other doctors will not take you as a patient. My doctor that I had when this started went on maternity leave (1 year here) and another doctor in their practice was seeing her patients. Both of which were basically blowing me off. An ER doctor told me I had a post nasal drip. I was beginning to get discouraged. In their opinion, if your temperature is not 102°F+ it is nothing. In November, we started praying for a specific doctor to take me on as a patient. I called once to the office but was rejected because he was not taking new patients. Then one of the ladies in the church had an appointment with him and we began to pray harder. When her appointment came, she briefly explained my situation and that we had been praying that he would take me as a patient. The fact that we were praying for this took him by surprise and he said, "How can I refuse."

By the grace of God he saw me the next day (usually a month wait) and began aggressively trying to find the cause. I have had many blood tests, CT scans, and nuclear tests and more. He referred me to a specialist who ordered a biopsy on an artery in the temple area. We are currently waiting for the results (March 2nd). Because of everything that has been going on, I was forced to postpone RU until we can find a solution because it proved too much for my health at this time. There have been a few times I have had to use audio sermons to fill in on services when I was unable to preach due to my throat. As well, the artery biopsy because the doctor feared the artery would rupture where they cut a one inch section out. I ask you to pray that God would either heal me or they could find the problem and a solution so I can get back to doing more for the Lord.

On a positive note. God works in amazing ways. There is an increasing population of people throughout the world who choose to ignore the presence, or even the existence, of God. During the Christmas season, a lady in our church was handing out a variety of tracts. She had a specific one for children that told the story of Jesus. She saw a young boy, about 6, at her residence who was visiting his grandparents that claim to not believe in God. The boy was recently diagnosed with some serious health problems. She asked his grandparents if she could give him the tract. They allowed this. A few days later, the grandmother proceeded to tell this story: *My grandson was so excited when he read this story. He said, "Why hasn't anyone ever told me about JESUS before?!" He was SO excited that he took the tract to school and was reading it to all his friends. Later in the day, his teacher confiscated it (we assume she gave it back at the end of the day). The teacher called our lady from church and was excited! She asked where she could buy them for herself.* None of these people know Christ as their personal Savior. You never know how, or through what situation God is going to work.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Living by Faith,


Rob Smith and Family

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